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1. SUMMARY - PAPERS JANUARY 29 FRONTPAGED INGERSOLL'S MEETINGS WITH VEEP YEN, PREMIER CHIANG, FORMINISTER SHEN WITHOUT ELABORATION EXCEPT REPORTING THEY DISCUSSED MUTUAL PROBLEMS. PYEM PAPERS AND RADIO CARRIED TEXT DEPARTURE STATEMENT. LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS REPORTED INGERSOLL SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY, NOTING HE AUSPICIOUSLY ARRIVED ON LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY HONORING MONEY GOD. EDITORIALS CONTINUED GENERALLY LAUDATORY WITH PRIVATELY-OWNED CHINA TIMES AND MILITARY YOUTH WARRIOR DAILY NEWS HOPING INGERSOLL WOULD HELP US SEE THROUGH PEKING'S EVIL DESIGNS. END SUMMARY.

2. ALL PAPERS JANUARY 29 FRONTPAGED WITH PHOTOS ASSISTANT
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SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S MEETINGS WITH VEEP YEN, PREMIER

CHIANG AND FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN WITHOUT ELABORATING
EXCEPT TO SAY THEY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON MUTUAL PROBLEMS.

3. LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS REPORTED IN LENGTH JANUARY 28
SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR INGERSOLL, NOTING HIS AUSPICIOUS
ARRIVAL ON LUNAR YEAR HOLIDAY HONORING MONEY GOD, ADDING
INGERSOLL BORN IN YEAR OF TIGER 60 YEARS AGO.

4. PRIVATELY-OWNED CHINA TIMES SAID INGERSOLL WISELY
MUST KNOW BY HEART THAT PEKING IS USING DETENTE WITH U.S.
AS ANTI-RUSSIAN LEVER AS LATELY POINTED OUT BY AMBASSADOR
HABIB. PAPER SAW INEVITABLE POLITICAL CHANGES IN
WASHINGTON-PEKING RELATIONSHIPS BUT PREDICTED STAGNATION
IN ECONOMIC AND TRADE DEVELOPMENTS. CHANGES WILL INVOLVE:
(1) BREAKDOWN OF COOPERATION BETWEEN PEKING'S PRO-
AND ANTI-U.S. FACTIONS, (2) DEATH OF MAO AND CHOU WHICH
COULD OVERTURN EVERYTHING OVERNIGHT, (3) UNEXPECTED
ALTERATIONS IN MAOIST STRUCTURE AS REPEATEDLY SEEN IN
PAST. PAPER SAID INGERSOLL MUST HAVE NOTED LOCAL ESPRIT
DE CORPS IN WAKE SWEEPING ECONOMIC MEASURES ANNOUNCED LAST
WEEKEND AND COMPARISON BETWEEN BENEVOLENT TAIWAN GOVERN-
MENT AND DESPOTIC PEKING RULERS. CURRENT FRIENDSHIP AND
AMITY BETWEEN ASIAN COUNTRIES AND U.S. IS SURPASSING THAT
OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. CALLING ROC KEY LINK IN PACIFIC
DEFENSE CHAIN, PAPER HOPED INGERSOLL'S UNDERSTANDING OF
ROC GOALS AND POTENTIALS WILL HELP BUILD NEW MILESTONE FOR
SINO-U.S. RELATIONS AND NEW ERA OF FREEDOM AND PEACE IN
ASIA AND PACIFIC.

5. MINISTRY NATIONAL DEFENSE'S YOUTH WARRIOR DAILY NEWS
SAID MAINTAINING FRIENDSHIP IS A TWO-SIDED JOB AND U.S.-
PEKING CONTACTS HAVE GREATLY INJURED ROC INTERESTS AND
RAISED PUBLIC UNCERTAINTIES. PAPER SAID CONSOLIDATION OF
PEKING COMMUNISM DEPENDS ON KEEPING U.S. AS ENEMY NUMBER ONE
AND INGERSOLL MUST KNOW PEKING WILL NEVER CHANGE ANTI-U.S.
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